

**Amendments to the Claims**

Prior to its examination on the merits, kindly amend the claims of the presently filed patent application (RCE) as follows:

1. (previously presented) A thermoplastic molding compositions comprising
  - A) 40 to 99.5 parts by weight of at least one branched resin selected from a first group consisting of aromatic polycarbonate and polyestercarbonate and
  - B) 0.5 to 60 parts by weight of graft polymer containing a grafting shell and a grafting base, said grafting base being other than polybutadiene rubber,

wherein the structure of the branched resin contains at least one residue of a branching agent selected from a second group consisting of tri-functional phenolic monomer and tetra-functional phenolic monomer  
said agent containing at least one functional amine group capable of polymerization.

2. (cancelled)
3. (original) The composition according to Claim 1, in which B is in particle form and is a product of emulsion polymerization.
4. (original) The composition according to Claim 1 in which grafting base is a member selected from the group consisting of EPDM rubbers, silicon rubbers, acrylate rubbers and silicon-acrylate composite rubbers.
5. (currently amended) The composition according to Claim 1, in which grafting shell contains the polymerized mixture of

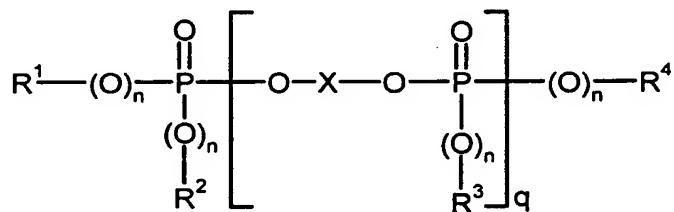
50 to 99 parts by weight relative to the grafting shell, of at least one member selected from the first group consisting of vinyl aromatics, core-substituted vinyl aromatics and (meth)acrylic acid-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>)-alkyl esters and

1 to 50 parts by weight relative to the grafting shell, of at least one member selected from the second group consisting of vinyl cyanides, (meth)acrylic acid-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>)-alkyl esters and derivatives of unsaturated carboxylic acids with the proviso that said member of said first group differs from said member of said second group.

6. (original) The composition according to Claim 1, in which B further contains a free (co)polymer polymerized of at least one member selected from the group consisting of vinyl aromatics, (meth)acrylic acid-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>)-alkyl esters, vinyl cyanides and derivatives of unsaturated carboxylic acids.
7. (original) The composition according to Claim 1, in which the branching agent is isatinbiscresol.
8. (original) The composition according to Claim 1, in which the branching agent content of A is 0.01 to 5 mol.% in relation to the sum of diphenols and branching agents.
9. (original) The composition according to Claim 1, in which the branching agent content of A is 0.1 to 0.5 mol.% in relation to the sum of diphenol and branching agent.
10. (original) The composition according to Claim 1, in which A has a relative solution viscosity of 1.25 to 1.35, measured in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> as the solvent at 25°C and at a concentration of 0.5 g/100 ml.
11. (original) The composition according to Claim 1 further containing at least one flame-retardant selected from the group consisting of phosphorus, silicon, nitrogen and sulfur compounds.

12. (original) The composition according to Claim 1 further containing at least one halogen-free, phosphorus-based flame-retardant selected from the group consisting of phosphoric acid ester, phosphonic acid ester, phosphazenes, phosphoramidates and phosphonate amines.

13. (original) The composition according to Claim 12 wherein phosphoric acid ester and phosphonic acid ester conform to the general formula



in which

$R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  independently of each other, mean in each case  $C_1$ - to  $C_8$ -alkyl,  $C_5$ -to  $C_6$ -cycloalkyl,  $C_6$ - to  $C_{20}$ -aryl or  $C_7$ - to  $C_{12}$ -aralkyl,

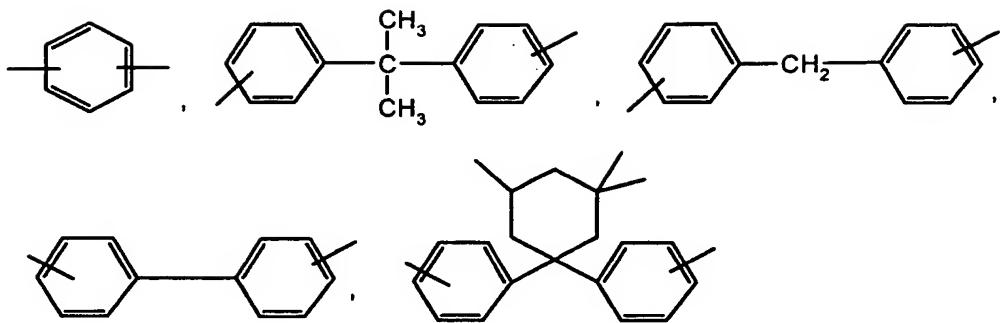
n independently of each other, means 0 or 1,

q means a number from 0.5 to 30 and

X means a mono- or polynuclear aromatic group having 6 to 30 C atoms or a linear or branched aliphatic group having 2 to 30 C atoms, which may be OH-substituted and may contain up to 8 ether bonds.

14. (cancelled)

15. (original) The composition according to Claim 13, in which X is selected from the group consisting of

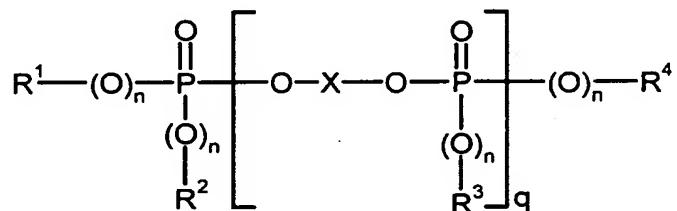


16. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 13 in which q is between 1 and 2.
17. (original) The composition according to Claim 11 additionally containing an anti-dripping agent selected from the group consisting of fluorinated polyolefins, silicons and aramide fibers.
18. (original) The composition according to Claim 11, in which the flame-retardant is present in a positive quantity of up to 25 parts by weight in relation to the total weight of A) and B).
19. (original) The composition according to Claim 17 in which the anti-dripping agent is present in a positive quantity of up to 0.5 parts by weight in relation to the total weight of A) and B).
20. (original) The composition according to Claim 1 additionally containing at least one polymer selected from the group consisting of polyester, polyphenylene oxide, polyphenylene sulfide, epoxide, phenolic resin, novolak and polyether.
21. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 1 additionally containing at least one polymer additive selected from the group consisting of heat-stabilizer, hydrolysis stabilizer, light stabilizer, flow agent, processing auxiliary agent, mold lubricant, mold release agent, UV absorber, antioxidant, antistatic, preservative, coupling agent, filler, reinforcing agent, dye, pigment,

nucleation agent, foaming agent, flame-retarding additive and smoke-reducing agent.

22. (original) A molded article comprising the composition of Claim 1.

23. (previously presented ) The composition of Claim 1 further comprising a phosphoric acid ester conforming to



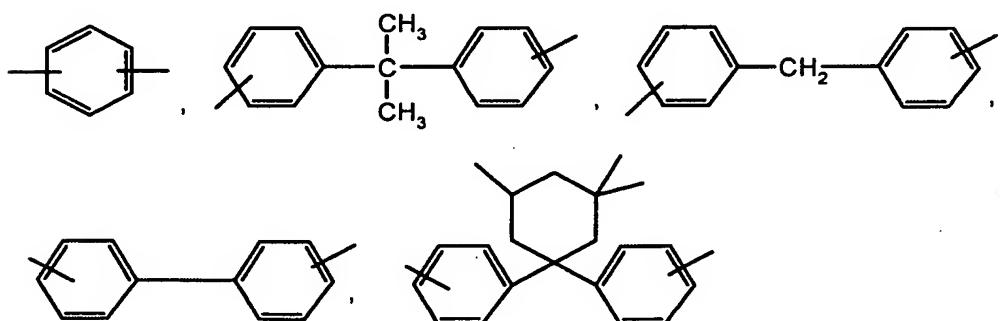
in which

$R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  independently of each other, mean in each case  $C_1$ - to  $C_8$ -alkyl,  $C_5$ -to  $C_6$ -cycloalkyl,  $C_6$ - to  $C_{20}$ -aryl or  $C_7$ - to  $C_{12}$ -aralkyl,

n independently of each other, means 0 or 1,

q means a number from 0.5 to 30 and

X is selected from the group consisting of



24. (previously presented) The composition of Claim 13 wherein R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> independently of each other is substituted by an alkyl group.
25. (previously presented) A thermoplastic molding compositions consisting of
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  - B) 0.5 to 60 parts by weight of graft polymer containing a grafting shell and a grafting base, said grafting base being other than polybutadiene rubber,

wherein the structure of the branched resin contains at least one residue of a branching agent selected from a second group consisting of tri-functional phenolic monomer and tetra-functional phenolic monomer said agent containing at least one functional amine groups capable of polymerization, and  
at least one polymer additive selected from the group consisting of heat-stabilizer, hydrolysis stabilizer, light stabilizer, flow agent, processing auxiliary agent, mold lubricant, mold release agent, UV absorber, antioxidant, antistatic, preservative, coupling agent, filler, reinforcing agent, dye, pigment, nucleation agent, foaming agent, flame retarding additive and smoke-reducing agent.